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'No intention' of closing Park Pool says council leader

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE leader of West Lancs Council has reassured Ormskirk residents that the authority has "no intention" of closing Park Pool swimming baths.

The closure or replacement of the pool by 2020 was one of the possible options included in the council's Draft Leisure Strategy 2015 – 2025, released earlier this month and due to be discussed by the council tonight (Wednesday, October 21), outlining the key actions timetable for built sports provision.

Although this was dependent on the impact of the new Sporting Edge facilities and the finances available, Derby Ward Councillor Adrian Owens expressed fears that a decision to close the pool might even be brought forward by financial pressures on the council.

However, council leader, Councillor Ian Moran firmly rejected any suggestion that the council might close the pool.

He said: "We have absolutely no intention of closing Park Pool. The strategy before the council is one that Labour inherited from the Tories; this particular recommendation will be rejected.

"Of course we will have difficult and challenging budgetary decisions to make in the coming months and years as George Osborne continues to attack councils in the north with an ideologically–driven austerity agenda.

"However, as West Lancashire residents have known to their cost in recent years, it is

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HEALTH CHIEFS TIGHT–LIPPED ON HOSPITAL SUSPENSIONS

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

THREE months into the dramatic suspension of four senior managers at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, health chiefs remain tight–lipped over their future – despite calls for the investigation to be speeded up.

Whistle–blowing allegations made back in early August led to trust chief executive Jonathan Parry and three other managers being suspended from their high–profile roles.

But an external investigation is still ongoing, a trust spokesperson confirmed to the Champion this week.

The suspensions were ordered following three separate whistle–blowing complaints made against Mr Parry, chief operating officer Sheila Finnegan, human resources director Sharon Partington and deputy director of performance Richard McCarthy.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said this week: "My overriding priority is to ensure that hospital services being accessed by West Lancashire residents are not affected by these suspensions, which I am assured they are not.

"I have stressed this priority to the hospital trust having met with them following this action.

"Whilst the investigation needs to take its

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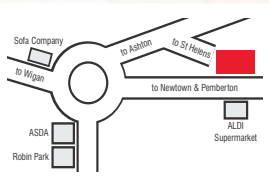

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Careers information event for teenagers

Report by **Henry James**

A JOBS, training and careers event in West Lancashire will aim to give young people between the ages of 16 and 19 the chance to secure a job or an apprenticeship, gain more qualifications or further their education.

The event will take place at the Zone, West Lancashire Young People's Centre, Yeadon, Skelmersdale on Wednesday, October 28 between 3 and 6pm.

Colleges, employers and training and apprenticeship providers will be on hand with advice and information for young people.

Organised by Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, the event will enable young people to find out about jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships and training opportunities.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

County council staff will be on hand to help young people with job applications or to point them in the direction of the most appropriate training provider to suit their needs.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Going along to this event would be really useful for anyone leaving school or college who is unsure about what to do next, or 16 to 19 year–olds who are currently not in employment, education or training.

"We hold these events to help and encourage young people to gain further qualifications and get a job or an apprenticeship. Any young person going along to them will get information, advice and guidance to help them to progress."

For more information contact Pam Catherall on 01695 651350, email pam.catherall@lancashire.gov.uk or pop in to the Zone.

Still time to sign up to Stoptober campaign

THERE'S still time to sign up to the national Stoptober campaign and get help to quit smoking – that's the message from health chiefs at Lancashire County Council which is supporting the campaign.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Even though more than 19% of Lancashire's population smoke, there are lots of examples of people who have successfully quit after calling their stop smoking service. You can still sign up to Stoptober throughout October. Stoptober is a great time to take your first steps to going smoke–free."

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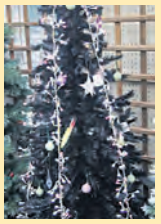
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Council chief's pledge on swimming baths

Park Pool

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the Conservatives that close leisure facilities. Labour will do all we can to protect them.

"Rather than pick the up phone and ask me the question about Park Pool, Councillor Owens prefers to scaremonger and start unnecessary bandwagons. It's a pity he wasn't as vociferous in his anti–cuts rhetoric when he was part of the Tory administration that took up all too enthusiastically a cuts agenda."

Meanwhile, the leader of the Conservative group on West Lancs Council, Councillor David Westley was critical of both parties.

He said: "Labour are now claiming they have no intention to close Park Pool but why does the strategy recommend the future of Park Pool be kept under review? They have either done a quick u–turn under public pressure or they are alarmingly incompetent.

"As for Councillor Adrian Owens and his party of one, he should have waited until Wednesday before launching his possibly unnecessary scaremongering campaign. Sadly, he seems more interested in grabbing a headline than looking after the interests of the people of West Lancashire.

"I would reassure residents that the Conservative group see Park Pool as an essential leisure facility for the wider Ormskirk area and will fight tooth and nail to ensure it remains open, that it receives the necessary ongoing investment to maintain the facilities and that plans are put in place for an eventual replacement on the same site."

Councillor Adrian Owens, whose Our West Lancashire party organised a petition opposing closure of the pool, responded: "Labour took control of the council in May. The consultant report was only received in June. In spite of me making a request for a copy in June, as a ward councillor, I was only provided with a copy last Friday. I understand the report was considered by the Labour council cabinet in July and by the whole Labour group on September 21.

"Labour run the council. They could, and should, have removed all reference to possible closure of Park Pool before the papers were published.

"The council leader said nothing on Tuesday when the Champion were preparing their story. Very late on Wednesday afternoon he has finally made a hasty u–turn and covered it with bluster because local people were signing our petition at the rate of one a minute.

"It's Labour who have scared local residents by putting this suggestion in the public domain when they had three months to reject it. In my opinion local people would be unwise to trust the council over the future of this well–used and popular facility."

Our West Lancashire also issued a statement describing the public confirmation by both Labour and Conservatives that they would not close the pool as "a victory for the people of Ormskirk."

Work starts on Moor Street drainage channels

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WORK has started to reduce the depth of the controversial drainage channels in Moor Street, Ormskirk after complaints from residents describing them as a safety hazard.

The work, which started on Saturday (October 17), is expected to be completed by this Sunday, October 25.

Lancashire County Council received feedback about the channels being difficult to cross, particularly for people using prams and wheelchairs.

The authority said that the major project to make the pedestrianised part of Moor Street more attractive and provide a better experience for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors was nearing completion with just 'minor work' to install bins and benches, plant trees and complete drainage channels, remaining to be done.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The new drainage channels run down the middle and on either side of Moor Street, as part of the new high–quality paved surface which has been constructed.

Work has started on Moor Street

"The channels control and collect rainwater run–off which would otherwise pose a potential flood risk to the shops. This particular design was chosen because it can cope better with the amount of rain which could be expected to fall during a very heavy storm.

"It often takes a little while for people to get used to any change we make to roads and pavements and it's normal for us to receive some queries and complaints in the following weeks. In this case we've received some feedback about the drainage channels and, after monitoring the situation for some time, have decided to reduce their depth.

"This will strike a better balance between the need to manage surface water and the need to make sure Moor Street is easily accessible and people have confidence using it.

"We're sorry for the added inconvenience but this is an extra couple of weekends' work in the context of a project which has been ongoing since February and will be in place for many years once finished so it's worth taking the time to get it right."

The county council's highways team will use a special aggregate to part–fill the existing channels and provide a hard–wearing, high–grip surface which is coloured to closely match the existing paving.

They say the channels will be easier to cross, particularly for prams and wheelchairs, but the work will also reduce the capacity of the drainage channels to take away the water during intense rainfall.

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Charity cyclist is back in the saddle after theft of bike

Bicycle shop owner donates new machine to 'Tour de France' Chopper rider

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Dave and Matt with the new bike

A CYCLING enthusiast whose £2,000 training bike was stolen in Southport shortly after he completed a 'Tour de France' charity challenge on a Raleigh Chopper is back in the saddle after being gifted a replacement bike.

Dave Sims completed the gruelling 2,000–mile course on an adapted children's Chopper bicycle in the summer, receiving a message of encouragement from two–times Tour de France winner, Chris Froome en route.

He raised more than £10,000 for Help for Heroes, a charity which cares for ex–servicemen and women and their families.

However, the 36–year–old, from Halsall, was devastated when the Lapierre carbon MTB Hardtail mountain bike he trained on was stolen from outside JD Sports on Chapel Street. Thieves used bolt cutters to free the bike where it was chained.

But after hearing the bad news, Dave was contacted by Matt Middleton, the owner of the Bicycle Lounge in Ormskirk, who presented Dave with a brand new carbon fibre MTB mountain bike.

Dave told the Champion: "I was feeling pretty down when my bike was stolen, so when Matt contacted me to say they had arranged a new bike for me, I was over the moon! It's such a nice goodwill gesture."

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Outstanding inspection result for county police

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has been judged outstanding in the latest round of Police Force Inspections.

The PEEL Assessments (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy) report on how well each force in England and Wales maximises the outcomes from its available resources with a focus on the overall question: 'How efficient is the force at keeping people safe and reducing crime?'

Lancashire was judged as being outstanding in its efficiency at keeping people safe and reducing crime – the highest available category.

The report praised the constabulary for keeping 'a daily focus on prioritising threat, risk and harm issues while caring for the needs of vulnerable people' and for its track record in achieving savings and planning for future cuts.

The report comes a week after chief constable Steve Finnigan and police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw warned of the catastrophic impact of proposed changes to the police funding formula which, along with the forthcoming comprehensive spending review, could mean the constabulary has to save an additional £87m on top of the £74m already made through to 2020.

Chief constable Finnigan said: "I am pleased that once again Lancashire has been recognised as an outstanding force and I am immensely proud that the work we do to keep

Lancashire's Chief Constable Steve Finnigan

people safe from harm, especially the most vulnerable members of our communities, has been recognised. This has always been my pledge to the people of Lancashire and it saddens me that this promise is now under threat.

"We have worked hard since 2010 to meet the financial ask and this report again shows that we offer value for money and that we have an excellent track record of making savings and that we are planning well for future savings. I believe it also shows that the constabulary has not been over–funded in previous years.

"We have put considerable effort into identifying ways to improve our services and we are taking a preventative approach to reducing future demand, with a number of innovative initiatives under our 'Early Action' programme.

"It is simply unacceptable that much of the good work which is highlighted in today's report will be put at risk if the proposed cuts to our budget go ahead. We will be reduced to a force which has to prioritise emergency responses above all other calls with no capacity to be proactive. People and communities will be more vulnerable and at risk as a result."

Commissioner Clive Grunshaw added: "Yet again we have an independent inspection report outlining just how well Lancashire Constabulary has done in meeting savings and making efficiencies. It has named the force outstanding for the way it has handled the cuts and looking ahead through things like its Early Action initiative.

"This is another reason why the government should take notice of what we are saying about the future cuts. We have delivered and delivered what we have been asked for but we can't keep taking out such huge amounts and keeping the force effective and viable into the future.

"Steve Finnigan and the constabulary deserve full praise for what they have achieved."

Health bosses tight–lipped on hospital suspensions

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course for both the employees and the trust I would urge that this must be resolved sooner rather than later to avoid any further speculation and uncertainty."

Sue Musson, the chair of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "The trust excluded four members of staff, the chief executive, the chief operating officer, the human resources director and the deputy director of Performance, on August 4.

"The exclusions followed an independent external investigation into three separate whistle–blowing complaints received by the trust.

"An investigation is now being conducted by an external organisation under the trust's disciplinary policy which, as it relates to employment matters, means the trust is unable to comment further."

Although the exclusion is not considered a form of disciplinary action, the decision was unanimously taken by the chair of the trust board and the six non–executive directors.

Jonathan Parry

Sue Musson added: "I want to stress that no aspect of the complaints, the investigation that has taken place and the exclusion of the four employees are related to issues of patient care or patient safety. This action will not affect the healthcare services provided by the trust to our patients."

Ann Marr, chief executive of St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospital NHS Trust and Gaynor Hayles, associate director of nursing at the NHS Trust Development Authority were called in to help run the trust in the absence of Mr Parry and his three colleagues.

The boarded–up front window at Aughton News Code1085129

Hunt for village store ram–raiders

POLICE are hunting two men who ram–raided a village store in a bid to steal a cash machine.

The raiders reversed their Land Rover into the front window of Aughton News in Long lane, Aughton at around 3.20am on Thursday, October 15 before trying to drag the ATM out of the shop.

They were unable to get the machine out though and instead stole a quantity of cigarettes before driving away from the scene.

The Land Rover was found abandoned nearby a short time later.

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said: "Two offenders smashed through the front of the shop and were unsuccessful in their attempt to take the ATM. They took a quantity of cigarettes and the vehicle was found abandoned nearby.

"Enquiries are ongoing. If anyone noticed anything suspicious in relation to this crime they are are asked to call 101."

Joint recruitment event a success

A RECRUITMENT event organised by West Lancs Council and Job Centre Plus has been hailed a success after 70 per cent of people who attended applied for jobs.

The session brought 14 local employers from a variety of sectors to the job centre in Skelmersdale and 195 jobseekers attended.

Michael Ennis, Operations Manager for Cordant Security, said: "This was a fantastic morning and we met 15 to 20 potential applicants. We will definitely support other future events with Job Centre Plus and West Lancs Council."

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "I am delighted this event was such a success and we have been able to help such a large number of people looking for work find possible employment opportunities."

Amanda Jakeman, DWP employer and partnership manager, said: "This was a great morning bringing local employers together with local job seekers and meeting the needs of both, with 136 claimants possibly moving into employment over the next few weeks."

Witness appeal after fatal crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was killed in a road collision in the early hours of Tuesday (October 20).

Officers were called to Church Road, Tarleton at around 12.05am after reports of a collision between a man and a silver Mercedes outside the Co–op store.

The 37–year–old man from Blackpool suffered fatal injuries in the incident and was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

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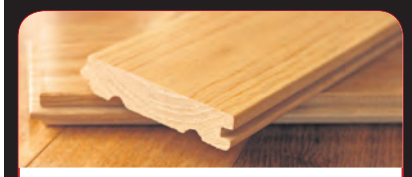

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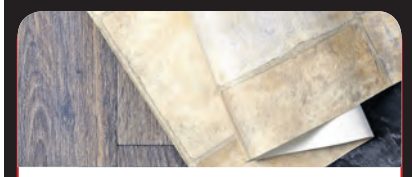

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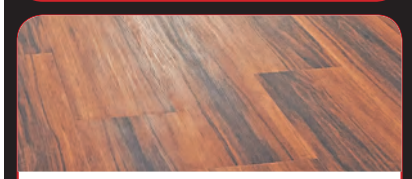

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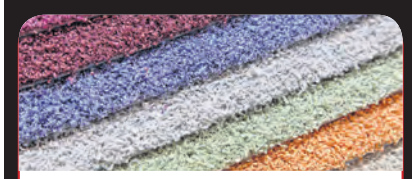

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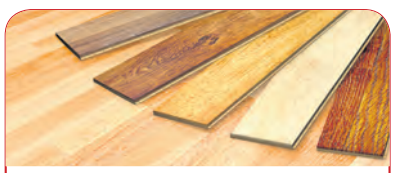

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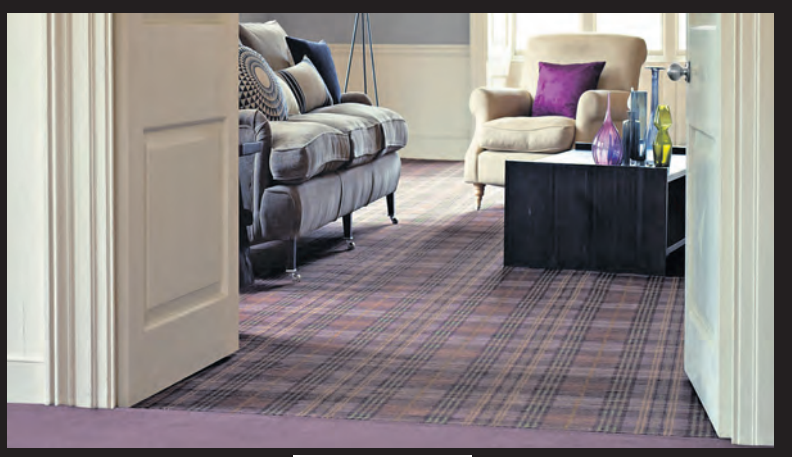

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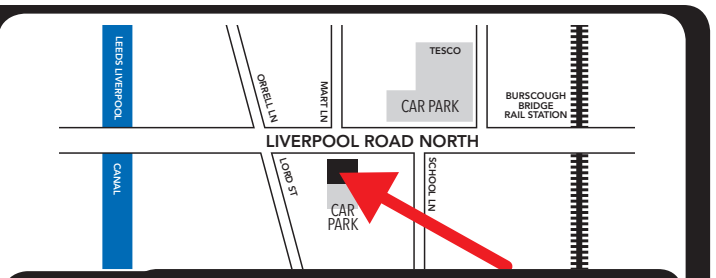

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Volunteers step in to tidy up planter

...as councils quibble over ownership

By **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of Our West Lancashire and local residents have tackled an overgrown planter on Burscough Road to highlight how overgrown the three planters had become.

Station Road resident Jane Thompson, who is also the Our West Lancashire spokesperson for Scott ward, organised for a group of eight local residents to spend an afternoon removing weeds, planting bedding plant and bulbs and varnishing one of the three planters opposite the Hattersleys Business Park.

West Lancashire Borough and Lancashire County Council are currently in dispute about ownership of the planters, although the county council has now agreed to remove the weeds from the remaining two planters and coat the top with bark to eliminate traffic concerns.

Jane Thompson said: "I had sent email after email to both councils only to be met with non–committal responses.

"Finally, a response from Lancashire County Council admitted that there is an ownership issue between the county council and West Lancs Council over the maintenance of the planters.

Volunteers at work on the planter on Burscough Road

"That's simply not good enough. The planters have been deteriorating and give a disgraceful image for people travelling into Ormskirk on a main road. Residents were also complaining to us that the overgrowth was affecting visibility at the road junction.

"We completely renovated one planter to show what is possible. Now we are saying to the borough and county councils stop your squabbling and start looking after Ormskirk. After all that is what we pay our taxes for."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: "We have not yet resolved the ownership of these planters, however in the meantime we are proposing to remove the weeds from the two planters which haven't been replanted by the residents and top them with bark mulch to ensure that sightlines for vehicles approaching the roundabout are not affected.

"We're also exploring possible avenues of funding for the future maintenance of the planters."

West Lancashire Borough Council declined to comment.

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Safety squad get set for run–up to Bonfire Night

A CRACKDOWN on anti–social behaviour has been launched by West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership in the run–up to Mischief Night and Bonfire Night.

The annual multi–agency Bright Sparx Campaign aims to build on the success of previous years in reducing anti–social behaviour such as the misuse of fireworks, criminal damage and the number of anti–social fires started deliberately.

Dave Tilleray, Community Safety Partnership chairman, said: "We believe our comprehensive action plan is an excellent way of tackling potential problems and dangers."

In the run up to November 5 neighbourhood policing teams will be conducting visible patrols and will deal robustly with incidents of anti–social behaviour.

The council, police and fire service will undertake a number of other initiatives, including visiting vulnerable residents to provide reassurance and advice; taking fireworks from under–age children; removing bonfires from unauthorised sites and giving children information about organised activities.

There will also be joint visits to schools by the fire service and police to warn of the dangers of playing with fireworks and the consequences of anti–social behaviour and to direct young people to fun activities being delivered at local community centres.

Community Action and Engagement events in Tanhouse, Digmoor, Little Digmoor and Old Skelmersdale will aim to help reduce crime by removing rubbish and materials that could be used for criminal damage or starting fires. Advice will also be available on issues such as community safety and housing.

Skips will be available at the following locations as follows from about 9.30am for local people to get rid of rubbish:

• Digmoor, on the field facing 171 Cherrycroft, Thursday, October 22.
• Digmoor, on the car park side of 200 Carfield, on Friday, October 23.
• Tanhouse, the car park by 176 Egerton, on Tuesday, October 27.
• Tanhouse, the car park behind 88 Enstone on Wednesday, October 28.
• Little Digmoor, rear of the shop facing 114 Abbeywood on Thursday, October 29.
• Old Skelmersdale, on the main field, Tarlswood on Friday, October 30.

The Dogs Trust and staff from the council will be on Enstone between 11am and 3pm on Wednesday, October 28 to microchip dogs and give out neutering vouchers for status dogs.

Council staff will undertake a variety of tasks, including visiting people known to store waste and encourage them to use the skips, which will be supervised at all times.

Fire service staff will be on hand to take referrals for home fire safety advice Other organisations taking part include the police, trading standards and the community payback team.

The Community Safety Partnership will work with community leaders in Birch Green, Tanhouse and Digmoor to provide and promote activities offered at local community bases on Friday, October 30.

Other events planned include the Go4it activities at Skelmersdale Fire Station from Monday, November 2 to Wednesday, November 4, between 5 and 8pm.

West Lancashire police inspector, June Chessell said: "As in previous years the police will work with partners to minimise crime and anti–social behaviour associated with Mischief Night, Halloween and Bonfire Night."

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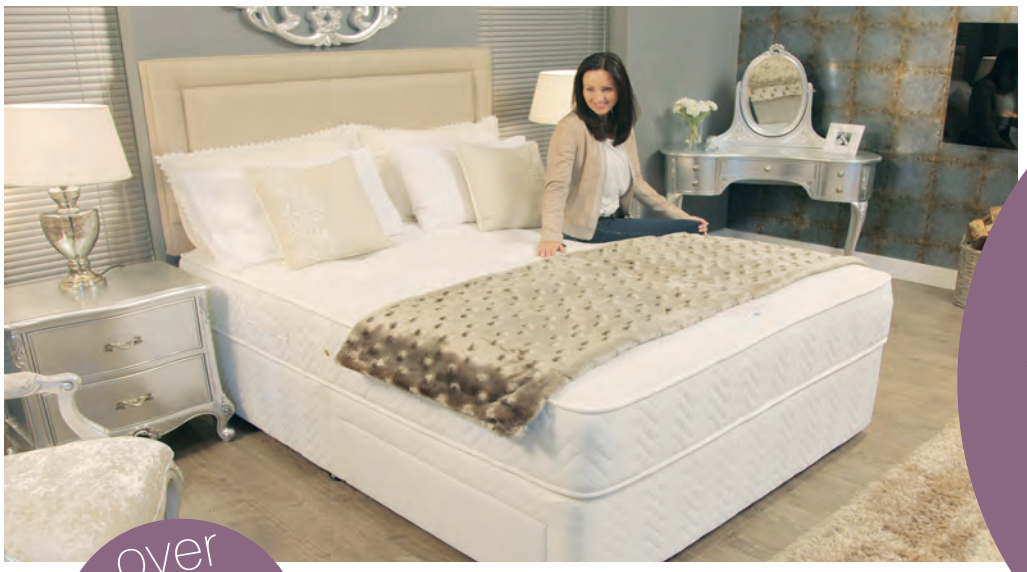

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Cancer charity seeks volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a charity which supports cancer sufferers in Ormskirk and Burscough.

Organisers of the Ormskirk branch of Marie Curie are appealing for members of the public to join their fundraising group which helps raise vital funds for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

They are looking for volunteers to help out in various ways, from taking part in supermarket collections to organising events.

All of the money raised by the group will provide high quality nursing care to terminally ill patients for free in the local area.

Community fundraiser, Sophie Yates, said: "We are looking for individuals of all ages and from walks of life who are organised with great communication skills to join our fantastic fundraising group covering Ormskirk and Burscough. The fundraising group raise money to support the Marie Curie nursing service to provide care at home for people who are terminally ill with cancer and other illnesses.

"If you can spare a couple of hours a month for a worthwhile cause, please get in touch."

To volunteer contact Sophie Yates on 01254 855 031 or email sophie.yates @mariecurie.org.uk.

Volunteers from the Ormskirk Marie Curie Fundraising Group

New parking restrictions

NEW parking restrictions will be enforced in Ormskirk to ensure that the pedestrian zone is free from traffic during the busiest part of the day.

Lancashire County Council have implemented the new regulations to revise managing traffic in the central shopping area following the improvements to paving and street furniture in Moor Street carried out earlier this year.

The restrictions allow access only for vehicles which need to make deliveries to businesses in Aughton Street, Burscough Street, Church Street and Moor Street from 7 to 10am and from 4 to 7pm.

The one–way system means vehicles can only enter via Aughton Street, Burscough Street and Church Street and exit via Moor Street.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The new parking restrictions support the recent environmental improvements to provide a better experience for businesses, shoppers, visitors and everyone who lives and works in Ormskirk.

"The traffic regulation orders came into force on October 8 and we'll issue warnings rather than penalty notices at first to be fair to anyone who isn't aware of the change.

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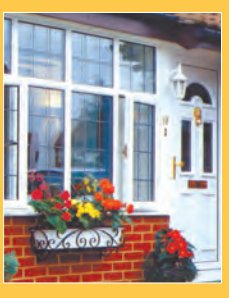

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Swan's early arrival sparks fears of a cold winter ahead

COULD we be in for a long, cold winter?

The answer would appear to be 'yes' if the early arrival of a certain swan at Martin Mere is anything to go by.

In the past, when a Bewick's swan arrived so early at the Burscough centre, it heralded the start of one of the most bitter winter periods on record.

So be prepared to get out your extra thick winter woollies in the months ahead!

Staff at Martin Mere discovered last week that a single Bewick's Swan had made temporary home on the marshes.

The arrival, which is the earliest a Bewick's has ever shown up to the wetlands, could suggest that freezing temperatures will hit the region, say staff.

Reserve manager Tom Clare, said: "The Bewick's swan arrival is great news for the centre, you don't know what to expect from one day to the next!"

The previous record for the earliest arrival of a Bewick's swan was on October 19, 1980 when Britain was in the midst of a 'winter hell' of snow storms and massive drifts and experienced some of the coldest months on record.

Whether or not the ominously early arrival of this particular swan signals a similar chilly fate for West Lancashire remains to be seen.

The Bewick's swan at Martin Mere

Historically, Lancashire had similar numbers of wintering whooper and Bewick's swans but since the 1990s the numbers of the latter wintering has declined dramatically, from a peak at Martin Mere of 1,000 to only one sighting last year.

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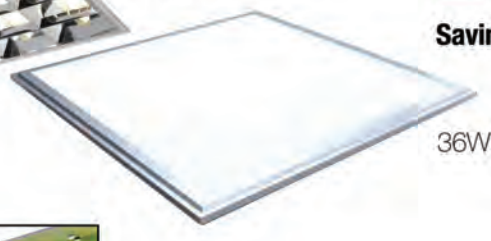

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I don't mind paying for my water but why am I paying so much for rain?

IN common with, I suspect, many of your readers, I have received my half–yearly water bill.

The charges for water actually used, and for disposing of it as wastewater is, I suppose, reasonable. What I find totally unreasonable is the charge made for surface water/highway drainage.

On my bill, the annual charge for this is £91.20, which is almost one third of my bill. I don't mind paying for water I use, but why am I paying so much for rain?

I can reduce my usage, or indeed increase it, and I pay for what I use. However, I can't alter the amount of rain we get, and why should the consumer pay this cost rather than the Highways Agency?

I know that this would then come out of the public purse, and I would be making a contribution to it through my taxes. But as a retiree, my income is relatively low, and my taxes are therefore limited, as would be my contribution to highway drainage.

My taxes go towards things like education, defence, even my own state pension which are all paid for out of the public purse, so why not this part of the water bill? I acknowledge that it is just as important as other nation expenses, so why not part of the national budget?

According to wikipedia, United Utilities serves a population in excess of seven million people. If the average family contains 2.4 people, then it has about 2.9 million customers. If each customer pays £91.20 for highway drainage, then the income from this would be £266 million.

This figure is 50% of the company's operating cost, and 40% of its operating profit in the year ending 2015. To me, that's an excessive contribution and should be investigated with some urgency.

George Pratt,
Burscough

Don't judge all students the same

I READ S. J. N's letter (Champion, October 14) in regards to a skirmish that happened on September 30. As a student I find this behaviour embarrassing and certainly sets a bad example of us.

I can confirm that Edge Hill sent an email out to all students and is beginning disciplinary proceedings for students involved, in regards to the university code of conduct for students.

I don't like the image that this letter paints of us. I know the letter was not to attack all students but it highlights a good point. People here DO see us like that and I find that utterly disrespectful.

The students at Edge Hill I know are a fine, bright group of young adults who come from all around the UK and even the world. We're proud of our university and we're proud of Ormskirk.

In short, please, don't sneer at a student.

**L. B. Wood,
Ormskirk**

Nature reserve orchard is a jewel

I HAVE just returned from a lovely afternoon at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve.

How lucky are Ormskirk and Aughton residents having such a jewel in their midst?

It was wonderful to see the apple–laden trees in the orchard – I never knew there were so many varieties! And then to be able to taste and purchase apples that you never see in the shops – a real treat!

It was heartwarming to see so many children having fun, identifying different trees in the orchard, watching the manual apple press and tasting the juice, following the Poetry Trail through Cabin Wood and looking at the bug hotels made by groups of schoolchildren visiting the reserve.

As a primary school teacher I am always looking for new ideas for school trips. I can't believe I have never brought a class of children here. It is an ideal location to teach many parts of the new science curriculum and I shall certainly recommend it to schools where I teach, as well as youth groups who would have lots of fun building dens in the woods.

Well done to all the volunteers who help to preserve the ecology and protect the wildlife in this small part of West Lancashire.

I was so impressed I became a member.

Amanda Bennett,
Bickerstaffe

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All hands to the pumps

Doug McAdam, chairman Southport and West Lancs branch of CAMRA, whose members hosted last week's 16th annual Sandgrounder Beer Festival at St John Ambulance Hall.

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Corbyn should stick to issues that matter to people who voted for him

JEREMY Corbyn should concentrate on the issues that won him the leadership of the Labour party.

These are the ones that identify with the working classes, i.e. a living wage, the abolition of the 'bedroom tax', zero–hour contracts, and the guaranteed working week.

No one has to depend on tax credits if they are in full–time employment.

Get rid of all the pointless schemes attached to unemployment benefits, these are only in place to confuse claimants, which gives the Tories an excuse not to pay them.

If Mr Corbyn wants to be taken seriously and win the next election he needs to talk with employers as to how employing more people would be of benefit to both sides.

I was, many years ago, a devout union member, and if we had a grievance, we always asked the management to discuss it and attempt to come to a solution which benefited both sides, these discussions were never aggressive.

You will always get people on both sides who will try to create a bad atmosphere but we always managed to calm the situation.

So, once again Mr Corbyn, forget Trident and the European agenda and talk to the people who voted for you and implement the policies they want.

**Chris Grogan,
Skelmersdale**

A bit less Rosie, please!

WHILE I always read the Champion with some interest in local news why am I faced week after week by Rosie Cooper smiling out at me with her self–satisfied revelation of 'news'?

I have no personal animosity towards her or any other politician but do not understand how she manages to get two or three articles (and photographs of herself) into the paper every week.

It seems that she jumps at every opportunity to get her name in print and I can only assume that she has some statutory right to this free publicity?

Can we please have a 'Rosie Cooper–free week' – or several?

**Jim Givens,
Aughton**

Is our 'new' town centre just another broken promise?

I AM writing with concerns over this promised 'rejuvenation' of Skelmersdale.

For months we were getting passed from St Modwen to the Concourse with promises of this cinema and restaurants etc.

This was two years ago and where are we at now? Nowhere, as expected! For whatever reason it all has suddenly stopped.

The people of Skelmersdale backed in high numbers the refurbishment of the Concourse, as we were promised a centre to be proud of. However, we have now got even more empty units and market stalls and even the bins have been taken away for some strange reason.

We were told by the Concourse that this was 100% in place and was happening, yet what has happened?

I think it's time we had answers on what is happening and are we getting this proposed plan for the centre after all.

Is this another broken promise to the people of Skelmersdale and do we have to make do with the limited resources we have already

**Concerned Skelmersdale resident,
by email**

More waste dumped on Skem

HAVE just read in the Champion that we may well be getting a fuel plant installed to burn plastic.

What, with the toxic landfill and this added to it, Skelmersdale may as well call itself the dumping ground for all waste products as I guess Lancashire County Council just care about how to make more money at the expense of the people of Skelmersdale.

Elizabeth Bennett,
Skelmersdale resident

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Council hits back in row over town centre gullies

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Authority rejects 'no regard for health and safety of public' claim

WEST Lancs Council has hit back at claims that it has no regard for public safety in the ongoing row over the depth of the gullies in the recently revamped Ormskirk town centre.

A number of readers have written to the Champion complaining that the gullies – which formed part of the works carried out by Lancashire County Council earlier this year to improve the pedestrianised section of Moor Street from Moorgate to the clock tower – are a tripping hazard for shoppers.

And one resident accused the borough council of neglecting its duty to the health and safety of the public by failing to pick up on the fault.

Now the authority has issued a statement rejecting the accusation.

A spokesman said: "It is not correct to state that West Lancashire Borough Council has no regard for the health and safety of the public.

"Lancashire County Council, as highway authority, is responsible for the maintenance of the highway network in West Lancashire and this includes Ormskirk town centre.

"Lancashire County Council carried out the detailed design for the Moor Street improvement works and as main contractor for the works was also responsible for the delivery of the project on the site.

"West Lancashire Borough Council was not involved in or consulted on the detailed pavement construction design for the scheme, which includes the drainage channel element of the works.

"The county council is responsible for health and safety in relation to the improvement works. The borough council alerted the county council to initial complaints it had received about the rainwater gullies installed by the contractors being too deep in mid–August. We have been assured by the county council that they will be replaced."

• **MP takes up Moor Street concerns with county council – Page 20.**

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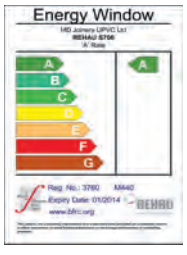

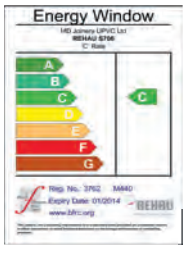

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Six–figure grant for family support scheme

A SCHEME which will benefit hundreds of families across Lancashire has been awarded a grant of almost £380,000.

Home–Start Central Lancashire, which runs family support services including home visiting and 10 family support groups across West Lancashire, Chorley and South Ribble, have been awarded a grant of £379,869 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Big Lottery Fund awards grants to UK organisations to help improve their communities.

The three–year grant will ensure that the scheme continues to offer support to families with young children together with fun, play activities following an Early Years Foundation stage programme.

Scheme manager, Carole Lee, said: "We are delighted to be awarded this grant which will be a major boost to the family support we offer across the three boroughs.

"The project will have a significant impact on the lives of hundreds of parents and their children over the next three years and, together with funding from other sources, will give our project some stability."

Home–Start Central Lancashire has been supporting families for more than 19 years and has brought significant funding into the area over those years from the Lottery, as well as other grant–making bodies.

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Swinging night in store

A POPULAR swing band will be holding their next concert at Briars Hall Hotel in Lathom on Sunday (October 25).

Jacqui's Rhythm Katz are a seven–piece swing band with male and female vocalists and play music from the big band and swing eras.

The event starts at 8pm and tickets, which cost £3.50, will be available on the door.

Judith Webster presents the cheque to Charles Horton, NW regional development manager for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Code1084266

NFU Ladies donate £2,000 to charity

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk and District Ladies National Farmers Union (NFU) have donated £2,000 to the national Muscular Dystrophy charity.

President Judith Webster was joined by the committee to present the fundraising cheque to Charles Horton, North West regional development manager for Muscular Dystrophy UK at the Aughton Institute on Bold Lane at their annual general meeting.

The NFU champions British farming and provides advice and services to farners.

The Ormskirk and District Ladies branch hold charity fundraisers throughout the year including fashions shows and donate the proceeds to a different charity each year.

They donated the £2,000 they raised from September 2014 to September 2015 to Muscular Dystrophy UK, a charity which aims to beat muscle–wasting conditions. The charity funds high–quality research to find effective treatments and cures, is leading the drive to get faster access to emerging treatment for families in the UK and provides a range of services and resources to help people live as independently as possible.

The Ormskirk branch have now started fundraising for the Brighter Future Workshop, a Skelmersdale–based award–winning charity and social enterprise that exists to help people with disabilities to regain or retain their mobility by providing new and recycled mobility equipment and aids at a cost–effective price.

Their branch's next fundraiser will be held at the Stanley Club in Burscough on Saturday, November 14 when 1960s–style musicians Ian and the Rebels will be performing. The event starts at 8pm and all are welcome to attend.

Practical advice and support for poor vision sufferers

A SUPPORT session is being held for people who are struggling with seeing clearly enough to read.

Members of the Galloways Society, a charity which provides services to help blind and partially–sighted people, are holding an advice session from 10am to 3pm at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane on Wednesday, October 28.

Sue Watkinson, honorary secretary of Aughton Village Hall committee, said: "There will be lots of helpful and practical advice available. If you have friends or family who are suffering with poor vision, please tell them about this event."

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Power project is good news for villagers and area's winged visitors!

By Danielle Thompson

THOUSANDS of migrating birds will be safer after 300 special flight diverters are fitted to power lines near a Burscough wildlife sanctuary.

Engineers from Electricity North West have been working with the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust at Martin Mere for the last two years to help raise the visibility of overhead powerlines for the 30,000 pink–footed geese and whooper swans which migrate to the area every year from Iceland.

In September 2013, they launched the visibility project which aims to reduce the risk of birds flying into live electricity lines near the reserve by putting 350 bird diverters – special round orange attachments to the lines – to ensure the cables stand out to large birds which have poor manoeuvrability.

Last week Electricity North West started work on a £171,000 project to upgrade the power network in Holmeswood and Bickerstaffe, upgrading 4km of overhead power lines and 60 electricity poles – and they will install 300 more diverters on the new power lines.

Electricity North West workers fitting orange bird diverters to the new power lines last week Code1085103

Martin Mere centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "Working with Electricity North West to trial bird diverters on power lines has helped to ensure the long–term protection of these birds as they fly through Lancashire and Sefton over the autumn, as well as benefitting local communities. This has been a flagship research project and we are looking forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come."

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, welcomed the move. She said: "It will improve the reliability of the power supply in rural communities, which I know can experience a loss of power supply when there are bird collisions with overhead cables. The action Electricity North West is taking to tackle this problem is to be commended."

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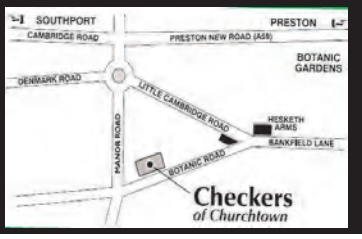

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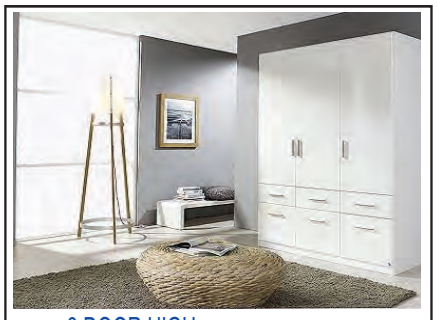

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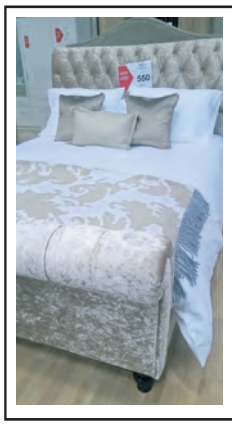

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MP takes up Moor Street concerns with county council

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper says she has taken up concerns about the new drainage channels laid in Moor Street, Ormskirk with Lancashire County Council.

A number of residents have complained about the depths of the channels, following town–centre refurbishment works that were completed in August, saying that they pose a safety hazard to shoppers.

The Champion has also received a number of letters on the subject.

Having raised these concerns with the county council Ms Cooper says she has received written confirmation that the authority is "currently investigating the products used and intend to remove or reduce the channel depth."

This remedial work is to be completed by the end of October.

Rosie Cooper said: "Even before all the work on the newly resurfaced Moor Street was completed, I received complaints about the dangerous depth of the channels that have been laid.

"Pedestrians shouldn't have to carefully watch every step they take as they go about their business in the town centre for fear of tripping and injuring themselves negotiating these channels.

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"I welcome Lancashire County Council's decision to act to resolve this situation.

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Pupils swap classroom for council chamber

PUPILS from Lathom High School swapped the classroom for the council chamber when they visited West Lancashire Borough Council's headquarters in Ormskirk to learn about local democracy.

Twelve Year 9 students from the Skelmersdale school met the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, during their Local Democracy Week initiative and held discussions about changing the law relating to anti–social behaviour, followed by a vote.

The youngsters talked in depth with Cllr. Hennessey about her role as mayor and what the chambers were used for and afterwards they were invited into the mayor's parlour for refreshments.

Teacher, Miss Clarke, who arranged and attended the day, said: "The students experienced what our democracy system is like and were able to share their experiences with students across school. A lovely afternoon was had by all."

• RIGHT: Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy pictured with students from Lathom High School during their visit to the council chamber.

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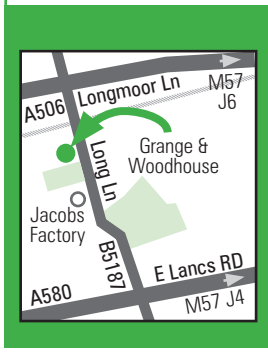

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Cabinet 'yes' to funding for park and play area schemes

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is planning improvements for an area of public open space near Ormskirk railway station and play facilities at Hesketh Avenue, Burscough.

Funding has been approved by the council's cabinet to upgrade land at Station Approach in Ormskirk. The works will involve the construction of new pathways, installation of park furniture, including benches and picnic tables, public artwork and other improvements such as thinning out of trees and clearing vegetation. The scheme will cost in the region of £45,000.

Cabinet also approved funding for works on the multi–use games area at Hesketh Avenue, Burscough. The scheme, costing in the region of £40,000, will include new and improved recreational equipment together with new seating and boundary fencing.

Funding for these schemes has been raised by the council through developer contributions from nearby housing development sites.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "I am delighted funding for these schemes has been approved. The project for Station Approach will improve the area and make it attractive for families to visit, while the improvements to the multi–use games area will make it an even better facility for local people."

And Councillor John Hodson, portfolio holder for planning, said: "I am very pleased that the money we have been able to get through planning agreements with developers will be used to benefit the community."

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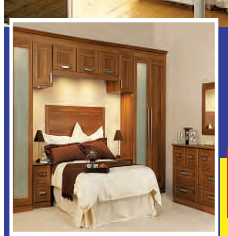

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ALMOST 3,000 people applied for 120 new police officer posts with Lancashire Constabulary.

The recruitment window closed last week and applicants will be contacted in the week commencing November 23 to let them know whether they have been successful or not.

Successful candidates will start training from June next year.

The recruitment went ahead despite the warning this week by Chief Constable Steve Finnigan and police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw of potentially devastating further cuts to the force.

Mr Grunshaw said: "We need to maintain our recruitment levels for this year and I wish all the applicants well."

A poor boat owner I may be but I'm better off than most

THERE'S only one thing wrong with owning a boat – most folk assume that you must be swimming in money.

Well, some boat owners may well be.

But the majority lovingly treat their craft as an expensive hobby – one which usually precludes you having things which others regard as absolute necessities.

In my case this is a car.

When I was made redundant some years ago, I told anybody interested that I had no car at present.

This was because I had sold my previous one as it was developing galloping tin worm, and hadn't bought a new one because in the job I had, my employers kindly paid for first class train tickets for the considerable travelling I did.

Also, since I was living with mum and brother I had no pressing need for one.

Both of these reasons were true at the time.

But the death of both mum and then brother changed things – financially for the worse.

Now though, being what is now known as 'an older person', I have my travel pass and can get about just fine with the aid of public transport and Shanks's pony.

And, touch wood, the boat costs less than a car to run for the year, and all my holidays are thrown in.

It is said you don't own a boat – you own a hole in the water, into which you throw £20 notes.

In some years it may indeed seem like that – but I suspect that any car I might own instead would gobble cash too.

Certainly my brother always seemed to be shelling out for repairs of one sort or another.

Anyway, please don't think I am pleading poverty – this is surely a relative thing to claim in any case.

After all, I have no use for expensive computer equipment, or for that matter, curved screen cinema style televisions.

And a little judicious shopping means I eat pretty well too – even if shopping bags seem a tad heavier than they used to. Better exercise than an expensive gym in any case.

And my odd (to some at least) lifestyle does have its benefits.

I get to talk to strangers – at the bus stop, to other dog walkers, and particularly of course other boatists.

And one thing I have realised is that given half a chance, folk actually seem to like talking to strangers they probably will never talk to again.

The other night I was walking with dogs Tina and Cinders through a pitch–dark park.

Having at last discovered the right path to get out on the far side from where I had come in (with the aid of a small torch), I found the stone gateposts, about eight feet high, surrounded by young people, making something of a racket.

Fearing trouble with the dogs, I walked more confidently than I felt towards the exit and them.

And they couldn't have been nicer.

Still perched feet above me on their stone pedestals they were asking questions about what breed the dogs were, and telling me how gorgeous they looked.

Cinders simply loves everybody anyway but Tina, especially at night, seems usually intent on protecting me from possible harm.

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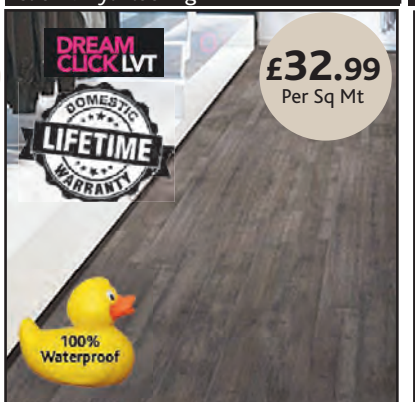

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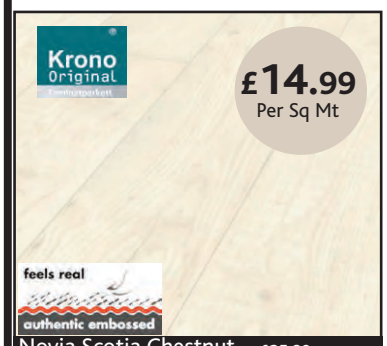

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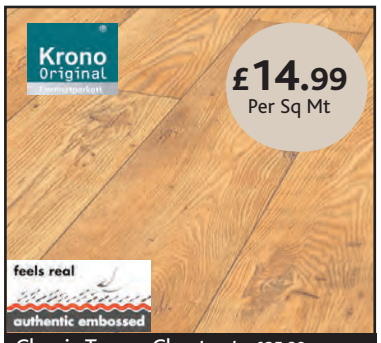

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This year, Gulliver's will repeat its taste bud tingling Swizzels Trick & Treat Trail at all three of its theme parks, in Warrington, Matlock Bath and Milton Keynes, after joining forces again with the family sweet makers.

The trail will run from October 24 to 31 and is full of scary surprises – if you dare to enter you'll face spooky challenges to earn sweet Swizzels treats at various themed stations get your picture taken at each stage as you transform into some seriously scary characters, from a wicked witch to Pumpkin Peat, and don't forget to visit Leonard's Scare School.

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Q. What is the name of the scare school at Gulliver's?

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Council 'committed' to affordable homes

HOUSING chiefs at West Lancs Council say they are working hard to provide more affordable homes in the borough.

A statement issued by the authority says it is committed to providing affordable housing for local people and this is paying dividends.

With the help of housing association partners, the council says there are 74 new properties scheduled for completion in the coming months that will help some people find a new, affordable home.

These include 24 properties available for shared ownership – five houses in Tarleton, six houses in Up Holland, eight apartments and five houses in Banks.

Shared ownership schemes allow people to buy a share of a property, funded by a mortgage, and pay rent on the remaining share they don't own. This approach may help people to get on to the property ladder and move into a property they couldn't ordinarily afford.

There will also be 50 properties available for rent. These are a house in Halsall, two houses in Banks, 12 houses in Burscough, six apartments and 25 bungalows in Banks and four houses in Tarleton.

The council has nomination rights to the rented properties and will nominate applicants in accordance with its housing allocation policy.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "The council has made a commitment to providing affordable housing. These schemes will provide much–needed homes for our borough."

Further information about the developments is available from the council website,www.westlancs.gov.uk/housing.

People interested in the rented housing should be registered with the council's choice–based lettings system, HomeFinder, so they can bid for the properties. For more information on how to register on HomeFinder go to www.westlancshomefinder.co.uk.

The rented properties are expected to be advertised on HomeFinder shortly.

Faulty boiler safety checks warning

TECHNICIANS are putting lives at risk across Lancashire by failing to perform basic safety checks when servicing boilers, according to consumer group Which?

Failing to perform the checks could leave households with ineffective and potentially dangerous heating systems this winter.

An investigation by Which? found that eight out of the 10 gas technicians they secretly filmed failed to meet the minimum legal requirements for a boiler service with two technicians not even taking the case off the boiler to inspect it.

Although the report focused on gas technicians, all types of boiler, if not properly serviced, can cause carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning which kills an average of 40 people and hospitalises a further 200 every year. Households who use unqualified technicians are most likely to be at risk.

In response, OFTEC, the UK trade body for oil heating, is urging homeowners to be more vigilant about employing unqualified technicians and to check a technician is fully competent before they start work.

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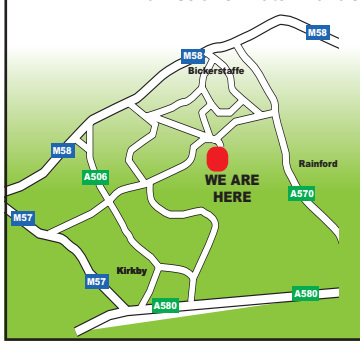

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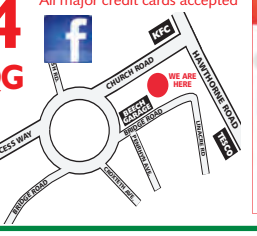

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Karen Clifton, Strictly Come Dancing professional dancer and 2014 finalist, said: "I am so happy to be supporting **WEAR IT PINK** this year. I know first-hand what it's like to see someone close to you go through this awful disease, which is why I'm really keen to raise awareness and all-important money to help fund Breast Cancer Now's life-saving research. **WEAR IT PINK** is so easy! At home, work or school just grab something pink, bake something delicious or do something silly – just make sure you do it in pink and for a price."

Her partner, Kevin Clifton, added: "Breast cancer affects men, women, friends and families so I'm thrilled to be supporting wear it pink to make sure that one day, no one loses their loved ones to this disease. **WEAR IT PINK** is such an easy way for anyone to get involved and raise lots of money – on Friday 23rd October why don't you wear pink to work like us? Even just a tie, braces or socks – no excuse fellas!

Best-selling author Kathy Lette said: "Women are each other's human wonder bras - uplifting, supportive and make each other look bigger and better. Which is why Maureen and I are wearing pink to show our support for this vital campaign. Whether you choose to style yourself pink for the day or invite your friends round for a pink pamper party – join us and the thousands of other supporters across the country who will think pink and stand united against breast cancer on 23rd October."

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Lancashire County Council is delivering a service in partnership with the NHS which provides free hour–long 'Steady On!' sessions include practical tips on how to prevent falls and information on local services to help people stay well over winter, including advice about equipment or adaptions to help people prevent incidents at home.

In West Lancs emergency hospital admissions in 2012/13 for people aged 65 and over were higher than the national average.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Falls are a common cause of injury and can happen to anyone, but older people are more vulnerable and likely to fall. The factors that increase the risk of falls are problems with footwear, lighting, activity, medication and eyesight.

"It's important that people know to watch out for the risks and how they can minimise their chances of getting injured.

"If you think you'd benefit from this support, or you have a friend or relative who would, then please contact us to find out more."

You can find out more at www.lancashire.gov.uk/health.

Care home crew stage their own bake off contest

STAFF and residents at a care home in Ormskirk hosted their own baking challenge.

The Great Stocks Bake Off Champion contest was organised at Stocks Hall care home on Nursery Avenue in the style of the BBC's popular Great British Bake Off programme.

Residents, staff, families and friends were invited to enter a creation of their choice, pulling out all the stops to impress the judges, and a range of cakes, pastries and baked goods were entered.

The judging panel, made up of residents, assessed the appearance and taste of each bake.

After comparing notes, the panel announced care supervisor, Lyndsey Michaels, as the winner for her outstanding gluten–free lemon cakes.

Carer, Jenny Sellick took second place, for her savoury chilli tomato and feta cheese tartlets, while activities staff member, Rebecca McMaster, took third place with her dark chocolate chip and banana loaf.

Stocks Hall resident Edna Adam judging entries
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Retailers' praise for discount card scheme

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SCHEME which allows Ormskirk customers to use a discount card at a number of businesses in the town has been praised by local retailers for increasing trade.

Staff at locally–based NSW Properties launched a reward card for customers in January, offering discounts on products and services provided by local businesses.

The NSW Rewards Card is given free to customers in all areas of the company's business – residential sales, lettings and commercial property – and to date more than 20 companies have signed up to offer discounts, including independent businesses Prestige Flooring, Scoozi, The Cricketers and Ormskirk Van Hire, along with the local franchise of takeaway Domino's which is offering a discount of up to 50% on pizzas.

Neil Warnock, managing director of NSW Properties, who lives in Ormskirk, said: "We recognise that repeat custom is the lifeblood of our business and we want to recognise and reward it.

"We all like a deal and to know that we are supporting local businesses so we decided that working with like–minded businesses in the Ormskirk area we would give our customers something back."

The NSW Rewards Card is available to any customer who buys, sells, lets or rents a property through the company.

Richard Rothwell of Cobble Coffee in Church Street, one of the businesses offering a discount, said: "We want to support other small independent businesses like ourselves and by working together we can offer local people an incentive to shop or buy locally, helping keep Ormskirk town centre thriving.

"We are offering a 10% discount off food and drink and take–up is increasing every week since the Rewards Card was launched at the start of the year."

Christmas tree 'farm' plan for field

PLANS to use a field previously used for horse riding lessons to grow Christmas trees have been submitted to West Lancs Council. Mr N. Rigby is seeking permission for a change of use for the 10–acre field to the rear of Brookfield Lane, Aughton. The public have until Friday, November 6 to submit their views.

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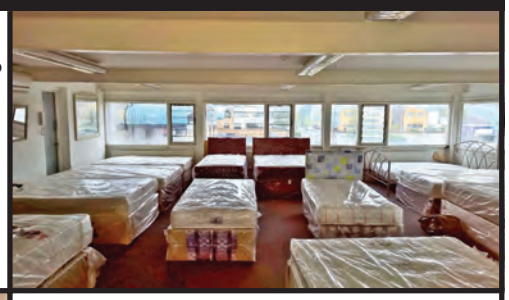

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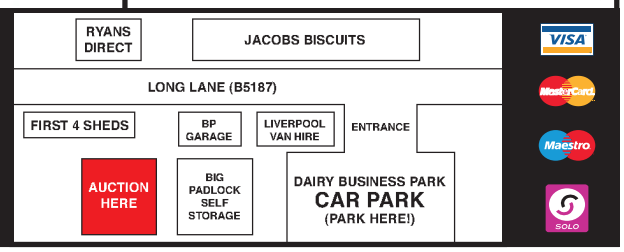

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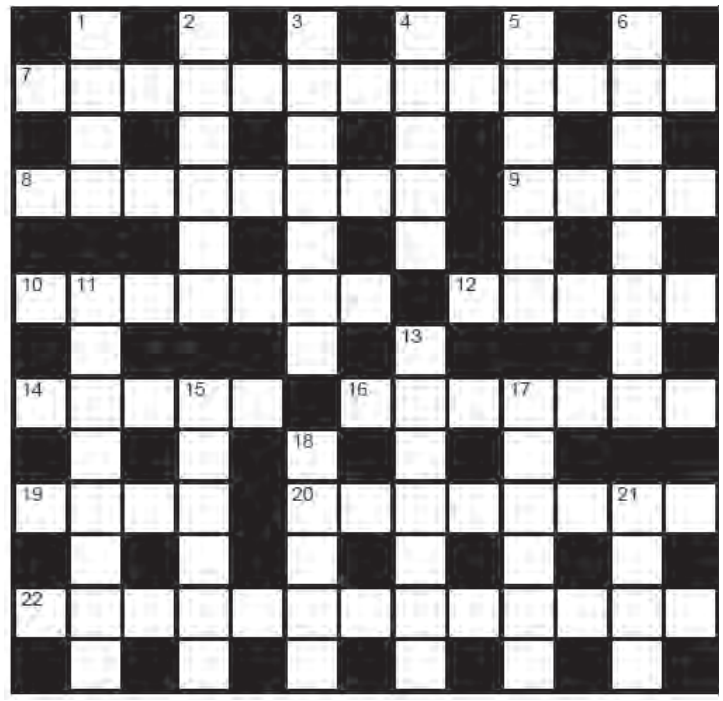

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Artist's £500 boost for homeless charity

AN artist from Scarisbrick has sold a painting of a snow leopard at an art auction to raise money for a homeless charity.

Georgia Louise, from Hall Road, worked with schoolchildren at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Scarisbrick on a national competition to design a statue to commemorate horses' service to humans in conflict.

Although they didn't win they were awarded rosettes for their efforts, while Georgia was appointed art project director for the Free Spirit Warhorse Memorial.

She then designed a poster for the charity, featuring Spirit The Warhorse, which was used to advertise a fundraising art auction in Liverpool where her Endangered Himalayan Snow Leopard painting raised £500.

The art auction was held to raise money and awareness for the Whitechapel Centre which supports homeless people in Liverpool.

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Work of 'blood bikes' to be shown in TV ad campaign

Lottery funding helps volunteers run vital service

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Blood bikes play a vital life saving role

THE important work of the North West Blood Bikes charity, which helps Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, will be seen by millions of people when an advert for the service is shown on ITV this autumn to highlight how National Lottery funding supports such organisations.

North West Blood Bikes is a group of volunteer motorbike riders who transport urgent and emergency blood, platelets, samples, donor breast milk, patient notes and theatre equipment between NHS hospitals and labs in Lancashire and the Lakes.

Controllers respond 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year to call–outs so hospitals don't have to pay for private couriers or taxis.

Chairman and Trustee of North West Blood Bikes, Paul Brooks, said: "We are a small charity and are so thrilled to have been chosen to star on television as part of this new campaign.

"National Lottery funding has been vital to our success.

"Although many riders use their own bikes, thanks to lottery funding, we were able to purchase a new Honda Deauville motorcycle complete with blue lights and sirens. It's made all the difference to the service we offer.

"Our volunteer riders cover an area of 2,500 to 3,000 square miles so it's crucial we have the right equipment."

Jackie O'Sullivan from The National Lottery said: "Every week National Lottery players raise £34 million for charities and projects across the UK.

"These films are a great way of highlighting the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers at Lottery–funded projects, like North West Blood Bikes, that make such a difference to people's lives."

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Apple Weekend raises £2,000 for nature reserve

Visitors enjoying apple tasting at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve

FAMILIES flocked to the annual Apple Weekend event at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve in Aughton.

Staff opened the 85–acre heritage orchard site to the public at the event, which was held for the second year running at the reserve on Holly Lane, off Gaw Hill Lane.

The event raised £2,000 for ongoing projects at the nature reserve.

The orchard, which contains 95 apple trees, as well as a selection of pear and plum trees, was set up as a charitable trust in 1996, when it was developed and managed for the benefit of wildlife.

Some of the varieties date back to the 1700s and include the variations Howgate Wonder, Lord Derby and Bramley Seedling as culinary varieties and Ellison's Orange and Rosemary Russet as dessert apples.

Families could take tours of the site, enjoy demonstrations of apple pressing and try and buy both juice and apples.

Children's activities included storytelling, mask making, woodland walks and learning about growing apple trees.

Reserve manager, Jonathan Atkins, said: "Tours of the heritage orchard with its 30 varieties of apple trees were particularly enjoyed by families. Children were set challenges to find specific varieties using the orchard maps and particularly enjoyed looking for the Isaac Newton tree, one of the oldest varieties dating from 1629. Success meant they could then pick an apple straight from a tree.

"It was wonderful to see so many families and young children interested in the apple trees and asking many questions. We were very pleased with the level of support shown by the public and would like to thank them for their generosity. They raised more than £2,000 which will further the work on our nature reserve."

Halloween extravaganza in the park

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

CORONATION Park in Ormskirk will host a special Halloween–themed extravaganza on Saturday, October 31.

The free evening of Halloween antics will run from 6 to 8pm including scary walks through the woods with witches, vampires and ghosts.

And visitors are urged to go along in their spookiest costume as there is a fancy dress competition with prizes for the best outfit.

'Spooktacular' rock band 909 will provide musical entertainment, while 12th century re–enactment group Historia Normannis will be giving a medieval combat demonstration and visitors can have a go at archery with them.

Ormskirk School of Dance will give two themed dance performances and Silcocks Fair will be there with a number of rides and there will be hot food and other refreshments available on the night.

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Inside lit gazebos there will be stalls including a face painter and the Friends of Coronation Park will have some ghoulish games with activities such as Soak the Spook.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "For a truly spooktacular Saturday night make sure you come to Coronation Park in Ormskirk for Halloween. There's so much fun planned for the night it will be a scream."

Meanwhile, people can get in the mood for Halloween by carving scary pumpkins at Coronation Park on Monday, October 26 at 2pm and also at Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale from 10am on Tuesday, October 27 and from 2pm the same day at Richmond Park in Burscough.

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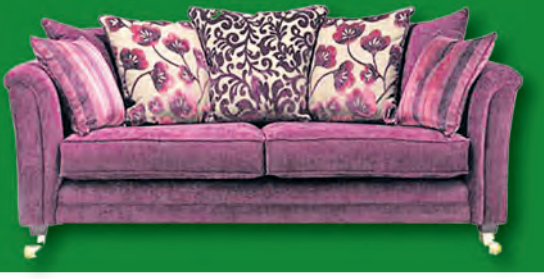

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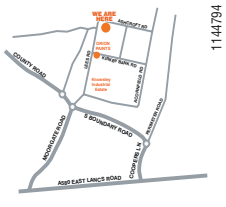

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County council closes parking fine 'loophole'

By Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE County Council has closed a 'loophole' which allowed drivers to get away without a fine if they drove off before it had been printed.

Currently a penalty is issued by post if the offender drives off – but only if the enforcement officer has finished writing and printing out the notice.

This can make it difficult to enforce parking in busy places where regular illegal parking causes safety problems, delays and inconvenience, but drivers only stop for a short time, knowing they can return and move their vehicle before a penalty can be issued.

Now though motorists who drive off while receiving a penalty will still get their notice through the post, even if an enforcement officer has only started writing it out.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "There are a number of places in Lancashire where there are parking restrictions for very good reasons, to ensure safety or reduce congestion, but they're difficult to enforce because people park illegally for short periods knowing they can move before a penalty can be issued.

"These are often very busy places where people want to drop children at school, or visit a shop, takeaway, or cash machine and think that parking illegally for a few minutes won't be a problem. However, it often does cause a problem because when one driver leaves another arrives soon after, creating congestion and an ongoing negative impact on everyone who uses the area.

"Until now we've always taken a cautious approach and only issued penalties by post where the notice has already been printed out, but the regulations allow a penalty to be issued by post even if the officer has only started to issue it.

"Adopting this practice will allow us to provide a stronger deterrent to drivers whose illegal parking has a detrimental impact on an area, but who drive away before a penalty can be issued."

This change does not affect the way parking is enforced in any other way.

Civil enforcement officers will continue to observe a vehicle parked on double yellow lines for five minutes before issuing a penalty, and will continue to issue a penalty instantly to a vehicle parked illegally where there's a loading ban.

Students chosen for role in culture project

WEST Lancashire College art and design students have been chosen to take part in a new region–wide exhibition at Lancashire libraries.

Blaze is a cultural project in which professional artists and leaders work with young people aged 14 to 21 from across Lancashire to realise their creative visions.

55 BTEC Level 3 art & design students aged 16 to 19 from West Lancs College are working with members of the Blaze project to exhibit their work in the Blaze Festival 2015, celebrating new work by young artists, film–makers and performers from around the county.

Their work will be on display at Skelmersdale Library from Monday to Saturday, October 26 to 31.

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Groundbreaking Divorce Case

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Most family law cases never get to the highest court in the land, to be considered by seven of our most experienced Judges. The costs of doing so are out of reach of most normal people and as a result such cases are few and far between.

When they do reach the dizzy heights of the Supreme Court, they usually involve dry points of law, or the family arrangements of very wealthy people from the Home Counties. However, this case was different as it was to decide a point most of us readily understand – whether someone who has been proved to have told lies about what assets they've got, purely so as to ensure their spouse loses out on what they would be entitled to receive on divorce, should be permitted to get away it. One of the women who brought the case to appeal was also from the North West, and the other was represented by two Barristers from the North West.

The figures in Mrs Sharland's case were vast – she received a settlement of £10.3 million on the basis that her husband's shares in his company were worth in between £31 to £47 million pounds. However, it later emerged that they were actually worth a staggering £656 million. Mrs Gohil's case was far more modest. She had accepted £270,000 and a car on her divorce, believing that was half of the marital assets.

What was common to both cases, despite the marked difference in sums involved, was that the court has found that the husbands deceived their wives as to their true worth. The Supreme Court has allowed both women to have their divorce settlements set aside and seek a different award.

This case highlights the need to ensure that financial arrangements made on divorce, no matter whether you are the husband or the wife, are made on the firmest of footings, with disclosure of assets that are correct and complete. If not, agreements can and will be set aside.

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Talented teen wows former X Factor judge

A TALENTED young singer has hit the high notes at a national talent contest.

Burscough Priory High School student Elly Grice, 15, who attends CD Music Academy in Rufford, won the Senior Solo Singing Final of Talent Fest 2015, which was held at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

The competition was judged by former X Factor judge, Louis Walsh, with other industry professionals on the judging panel.

Elly won a master–class workshop, tickets to a theatre show for four people, a pre–theatre meal, night in a hotel and Talent Fest Trophy.

Police campaign aims to raise awareness of modern slavery

POLICE officers across the county will be out in force this week to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking.

There have been recent cases across Lancashire and the message from Lancashire Constabulary is that it is something that could be happening where you live.

From Monday to Friday (October 19–23) the force will be carrying out educational and operational visits with partner agencies to premises such as takeaways, nail bars, car washes, massage parlours and businesses that employ a large number of foreign workers. Officers will also be speaking to the public in a bid to give them a better understanding of what modern slavery and human trafficking is.

Slavery or trafficking is the movement of a person from one place to another – this could be country to country, town to town, or even as simple as one room in a building to another – into conditions of exploitation, using deception, coercion, abuse of power or the abuse of the person's vulnerability.

Detective Superintendent Sue Cawley, head of Lancashire Constabulary's Public Protection Unit, said: "Modern slavery and human trafficking can cross over into various other areas of crime and in many cases organised crime groups are responsible for the movement of people into and around the UK.

"It is a complex area of policing and identifying it can be difficult, but we are already making progress in Lancashire. Only last month we became the first force in England and Wales to obtain an interim Slavery and Trafficking Risk Order against a man in Nelson. The order is made to protect vulnerable people who are at risk of exploitation and servitude, and in November an application will be heard for a full order to be granted.

"In June and July we executed warrants in which three Romanian women were found to be the victims of slavery and trafficking and are now being supported back in their home country with those arrested and charged awaiting court proceedings."

In Lancashire over the past five years police have made 25 arrests for offences linked to trafficking and slavery and over the past year they have seen 32 referrals of vulnerable adults and children who were identified as potential victims or at risk.

Det. Supt. Cawley added: "Although figures would suggest there isn't a huge problem in our county, we know it is happening. Our aim this week is to make people in Lancashire aware of modern slavery and encourage them to report any suspicions."

Spooky half–term activities on offer

THERE are some spooky activities for all the family in the borough during the forthcoming half–term.

West Lancs Council's arts development service has teamed up with professional artist Matt Roby who will be bringing his Pickled Circus characters to the Sandy Lane shopping centre in Skelmersdale from Tuesday to Thursday, October 27 to 29 and providing young people with the opportunity to create their own characters.

The Spooky mayhem is happening at Unit 63 on the upper level the centre with morning sessions from 10am to 12.30pm and afternoon session from 1.15 to 4pm.

As well as enjoying the Spooky Pickled Circus the whole family can also take part in crazy creative workshops with Matt.

The sessions are suitable for all ages but children need to be accompanied by an adult. All materials are supplied.

To book a place and for further information, contact the Chapel Gallery on 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk.

And this year's Big Draw event at Chapel Gallery will feature an array of activities including monster masks, Halloween bunting and a chance to draw your own monster.

Activities will be part of the Meet the Dragon exhibition. Sunny the Dragon was created by schoolchildren and members of the public who took part in the 'Create a Tall Tale' project for Parbold Street Art Festival.

The exhibition with the Big Draw Event opens with activities on Wednesday, October 28 and continues until Saturday, November 7.

There's no need to book. The gallery is open 10am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Saturday but groups larger than 10 should contact staff before their visit.

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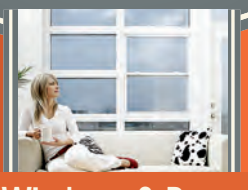

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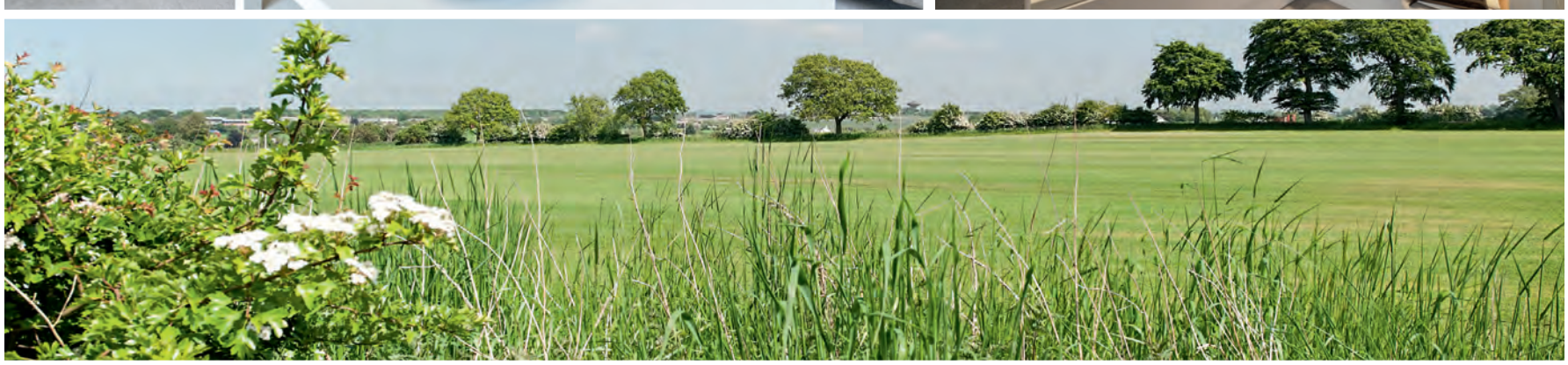

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And the Champion has three pairs of tickets to be won for the show on Wednesday, October 28.

Jersey Boys is the remarkable true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and their rise to stardom from the wrong side of the tracks.

The show is packed with their hits, including Beggin', Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back to You, Fallen Angel, Rag Doll and Who Loves You

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Just send your answer by email to: *holly.rummens@champnews.com* **complete with your name, address and a daytime telephone number. Entries must reach us by 12 noon this Friday, October 23. Winners will be selected at random.**

Tickets for the show can be purchased at www.atgtickets.com/manchester or call 0844 8713018 (booking fees apply)

Usual Champion competition rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

Live showing of Berlin Philharmonic at Parbold Picture House

THE Berlin Philharmonic will feature at the Parbold Picture House this Easter Sunday, live via satellite from the Baden–Baden's Easter Festival. It will be part of this community cinema's Front Row season of Live Transmission international music and theatre events.

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The full programme is: György Ligeti: Atmosphères; Richard Wagner: Prelude to Act I of Lohengrin, Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto and Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

The Berlin Philharmonic is based in Berlin, Germany. In 2006, a group of ten European media outlets voted the Berlin Philharmonic number three on a list of "top ten" European Orchestras, while in 2008 it was voted the world's number two orchestra in a survey among leading international music critics organized by the British magazine, Gramaphone.

The event will take place on April 20 at 5.00 p.m. for a two hour concert and admission is £12.50 per person. All seats unreserved. Tickets bookable.

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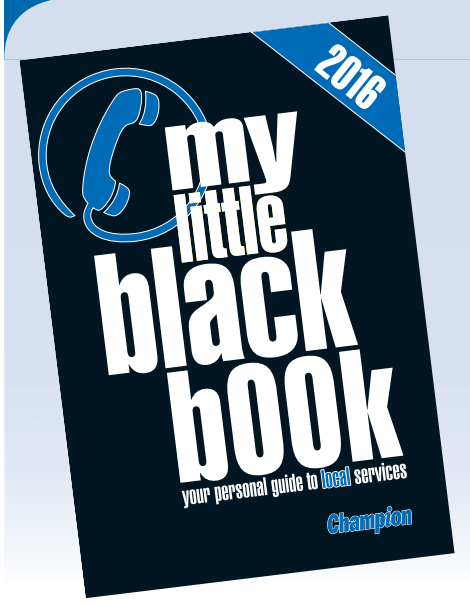

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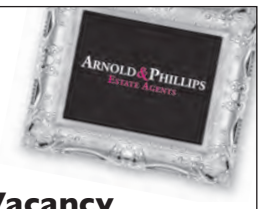

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SIMON Bob

Rhona, Chris, Jacqui and family would like to express our gratitude for the support and sympathy from our many friends near and far at such a sad time.

The wonderful cards, letters, visits and phone calls have been a great comfort to us. It is good to know that so many people cared for our lovely Husband, Dad and Grandad.

A special thanks to Rev Lys Carrol and Rev Michael Follin or their kind words of support.

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ATLAY Tony

8th September 2015

Tim and family would like to thank all who sent thoughtful cards, tributes, flowers and generous donations following the recent very sad and sudden death of our beloved Tony. Thank you to the many who supported us at his funeral. Appreciation to Graham Clegg Funeral Directors for his attention to detail and to the Reverend Judith Ball for her lovely service.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

COLEBOURN Sheila

15th September

Husband Brian and daughter Moira would like to thank all family members and friends for their heartfelt sympathy and thoughts during the recent sad loss of Sheila, also for all the cards and floral tributes received.

Many thanks to Care Concern and all the dedicated carers who tended to Sheila in her hour of need, along with the District Nurses, I couldn't have coped without any of them. May God bless them all.

And finally a special thanks to Rev. Phil Green for a very thoughtful and comforting service. Also my thanks to H. Johnson and Sons for their dignified approach and help they gave throughout all of the procedure.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SPERRIN CARL

Ann, Karen and Aime would like to express their gratitude to all family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support following the sudden death of Carl, a loving son, brother and uncle. Heartfelt thanks for the many cards and messages of condolence from all who knew him. Thank you also for the donations kindly sent to support the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (SORT).

The family would also like to offer their sincere thanks to the police and medical staff and those who helped at the scene.

A special thank you to Father Gaine for his words of comfort and the beautiful service and also to Carl Howard and the team at Howard's Funeral Directors, for their very caring and dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

RATCLIFFE Patricia (Pat)

18th October 2015

Aged 70 Years

Peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice. Devoted wife to Christopher, loving mum to Colin and Angela, much loved grandma to Declan, treasured sister to Jen and the late Peter, special auntie to Ryan. Sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 28th October at 12 noon. Flowers welcome.

All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

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DEATHS

CROSSLAND Dennis John

11th October 2015

Aged 83 years.

Peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Eileen, father to Philip and father-in-law to Linda. Proud grandfather of Karl, Vicky and Lee and great grandfather to Kalvin and Lily. Dennis will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 21st October at 2.00pm Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Linda McCartney Centre. Please make any cheques payable to Howard's Donation Account. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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PRIESTMAN Elsie

Called into the presence of her Lord October 9th 2015

Loving sister of Dorothy and brother-in-law David, together with all her nephews, nieces, relatives and many friends a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Bethesda Chapel, Aughton Road on Friday 23rd October at 1.00pm followed by Interment at Duke Street Cemetery at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are welcome for Spinal Unit Minibus Fund and Stewardship. Please make any cheques payable to Howard's Donation Account. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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KERRIGAN William (Winkie)

12th October 2015

After a long illness bravely borne, aged 68 years.

Beloved Husband of Carol, much loved Dad of Jenny. Bill will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

'Now at Rest'

The Funeral Service will take place at St John's R C Church, Burscough, on Friday 23rd October at 11am, followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 12.40pm. Family flowers only by request please, donations are being gratefully received by the family on behalf of The British Heart Foundation and Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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DEATHS

GREENWOOD HERBERT

7th October 2015

Aged 84

Beloved brother of Joyce and Ann. brother-in-law to John, uncle to all.

Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Wednesday 21st October at 4.00pm

Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services. 01695 731199.

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DEATHS

SEXTON Maureen Nee Rice

On 13th October 2015

Peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimers

Loving wife of the late John, cherished mum of Linda, Brian, Colette and Bernie, loving nan to Andrew, Dea, Gareth and Trish, great nan of Jamie and Joel. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem mass will be held at St Francis of Assisi Church on Thursday 22nd October at 1.30pm followed by committal at St. Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired to the Alzheimers Assn. Donations and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868. No words matter now our darling mum apart from "We all love you". At peace from your torment. Back in the arms of our wonderful Dad. Rest in peace XXXXXXX

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Announcements

DEATHS

BURGHALL Thomas "Tom"

17th October 2015

Passed away peacefully at home aged 68

Beloved husband of Shirley, much loved Dad of Kerry, Garry and wife Rachael, and devoted Grandad to Connor and Faye.

Will always be in our hearts and thoughts forever.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on 28th October at 2pm, followed by refreshments at Richmond Hotel, Southport.

Family flowers only please, donations to Queenscourt Hospice.

All enquiries to H Porter Funeral Directors, Southport Tel: 01704 212714

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IN MEMORIAM

VAUGHAN Ronald (Ron)

21.10.04

Loved and Deeply Missed

Irene
x x

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IN MEMORIAM

COONEY Barbara Margaret

In loving memory

22nd October 2013

Babs, lonely is my home without you, life to me is not the same, all the world will be like heaven, just to have you back again.

From your loving husband Dan and sons Mark & Barry
xx

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

FORSHAW Bryan

22nd October

80 TODAY

If tears could wash away our pain, we wouldn't feel such hurt again. The heartache felt since you've been gone, we wouldn't wish on anyone. But today is your birthday, so we'll have to be brave and except God's taken what first he gave. We all miss you so much, Till we meet again. Lots of love your beloved wife Joyce, Children Sheila, Christine, Roger, Kevin, Grandkids Matthew, Jessica, Chloe and Amelia. In our hearts always.
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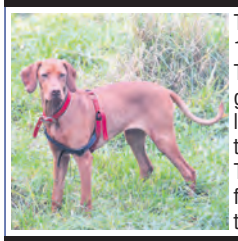

Tyra went missing Monday 19th at 6pm – she was out on Towngreen Fields when she got spooked, ran off and was last seen running along the train track from Town Green. Tyra is easily scared and fearful of people it is unlikely that you will be able grab her.

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **C.J.L.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 45311

Sacred Heart

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May the sacred heart of Jesus be praised, glorified, honoured, adored and made renowned throughout the whole world, forever and ever Amen.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days with the promise of publication when prayers are answered.

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0870/FUL Erection of 2 no. industrial units (replacement of those destroyed by fire). Erection of storage/office unit (to replace existing containers) at Waterside Business Park, New Lane, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0924/FUL Erection of pub/restaurant, including managers flat, car parking and ancillary works at Land To The West Of, Ingram, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/1009/FUL Conversion from duplex 2 bedroom apartment to 2 x 1 bedroom apartment on seperate floors at Flat 2 Netherby House, 25 Junction Lane, Burscough.
Application No: 2015/1026/FUL Variation of Condition No. 12 imposed on planning permission 2012/0771/FUL and Condition No. 14 imposed on planning permission 2015/0561/FUL to read the following 'No development shall take place on the dwelling house without prior acquisition of a licence from Natural England for the derogation of the protection of great crested newts under the Habitats Directive and written confirmation has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority' at The Bungalow, Lathom Park, Lathom.
Application No: 2015/1044/COU Change of use from restaurant to student accommodation with elevational alterations and associated building work at The Fat Olive, 8 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/1052/FUL Demolition of existing annexe building and erection of new building on existing footprint at Beechcroft, Pinfold Lane, Scarisbrick.
Application No: 2015/1057/FUL Conversion of existing building to student accommodation with two storey extension at 46A Church Street, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 21st October 2015 PDNOT866

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any pedestrians from proceeding over that length of Cornbrook, Skelmersdale from a point outside 43 Cornbrook to a point outside 45 Cornbrook, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Footpath closure – no diversion.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on Monday 26th October 2015 until 1700 hours Friday 6th November 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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[Ref: 15/305/HD]

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BMW vs Ford: Place your bets now on the longest battle in motor history

Spring 2016 will see these two car giants face off once again and it's going to be fun to watch

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SOMETIME next spring one of the oldest rivalries in motoring is going to be reignited – and anyone with roughly £40k to play with is being offered a ringside seat.

You probably already know that's roughly when the third generation of Ford's Focus RS finally lands in the showroom. The old RS had to stave off the Renault Sport Megane and Volkswagen's Golf R36 but I reckon the new one's got an even tougher nut to crack. Within just a few weeks of the fast Ford being launched BMW is bringing its new M2 to Blighty too.

Yes, I know one's a small(ish) German coupe and the other's a five–door hatchback on a night out, but in terms of slugging it out as vaguely affordably street fighters they're closer than you might think. Both backed up by 45 years of motorsport heritage, and both up the 300bhp game currently being played by the Honda Civic Type–R and the Volkswagen Golf R. The M2's twin–turbo straight six rustles up 370bhp, while the Ecoboost engine in the RS – a beefed–up version of one you'll find in the new Ford Mustang – has 345bhp. Yet I wouldn't place your bets on the Beemer being first away from the lights just yet, because the Ford has four–wheel–drive and a launch control system in its favour.

The German road rocket and Ford's hot hatch also have roughly the same amount of torque to play with, they'll both get to 60mph in under five seconds and they'll happily race to 155mph – at least that's where BMW alleges its electronic speed limiter cuts in!

Forget Porsche 918 vs Mclaren P1 and La Ferrari – that's a battle for bedroom walls and sacked Top Gear hosts. If you live in the real world then BMW vs Ford is the performance car battle that matters.

Why does it matter? It gets people excited about cars that you might realistically be able to buy – even if you can't afford £40k now, both will be heroes of the used car forecourts in a couple of years' time. M2 vs Focus RS is like going back to the heady days of the E30 M3 and Sierra RS Cosworth slugging it out on the world's touring car circuits or – if you're a bit older – the Capri giving the 3.0–litre CSL a bloody nose.

Except the RS has one ace in its favour – it undercuts the M2 by a cool £15,000. I can't wait to find out which one's better.

David Simister is news editor of Classic Car Weekly

The BMW M2 arrives in the UK next April Code NA

Alfa announce trimmer MiTo

By David Simister

ALFA ROMEO has announced a new range–topping trim level for its MiTo and Giulietta hatchback models. Order yours in Collezione trim and you'll get 17–inch alloy wheels, DAB radio and an infotainment system among other luxuries. The MiTo starts at £17,660, while you'll need to fork out £24,820 for the Giulietta.

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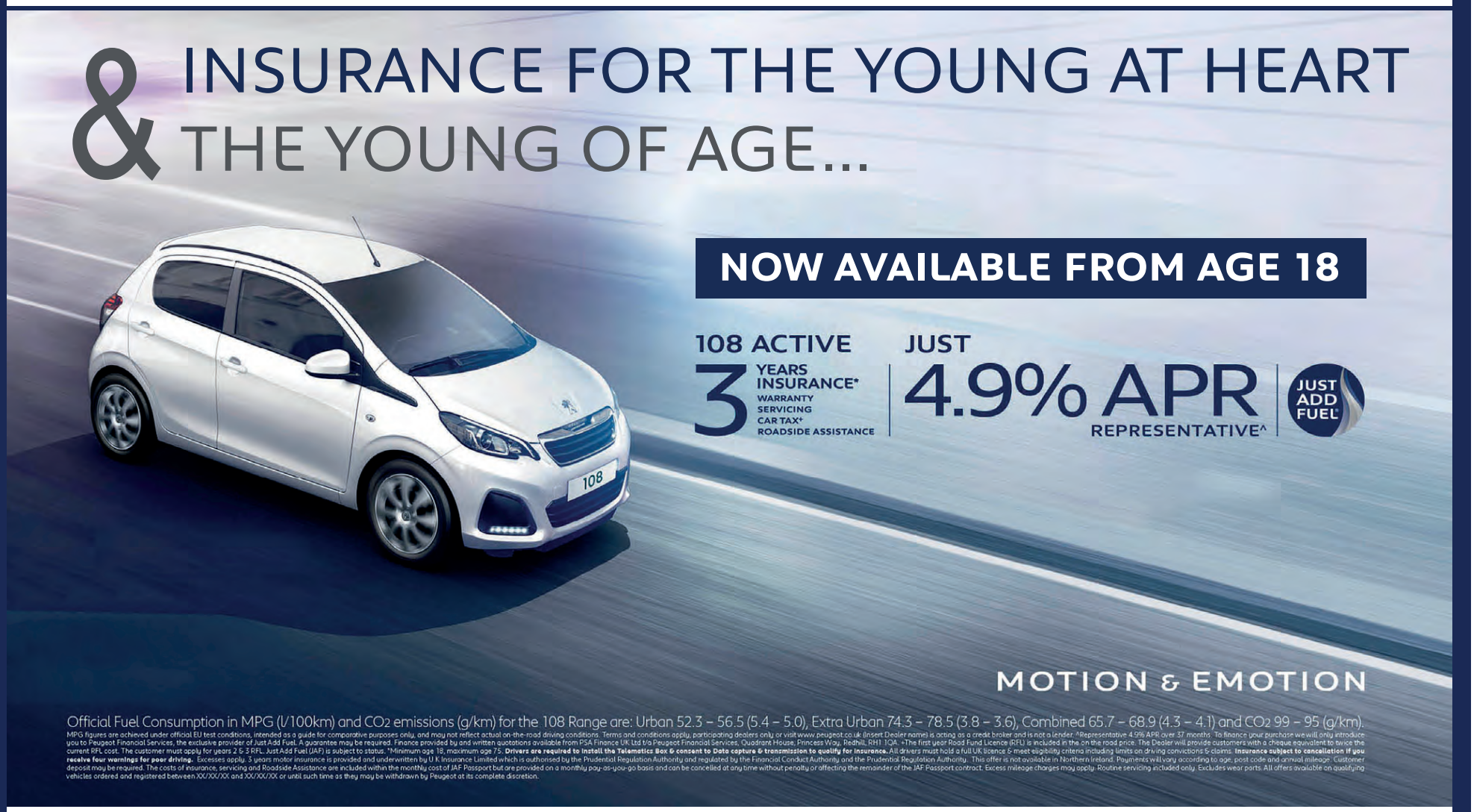

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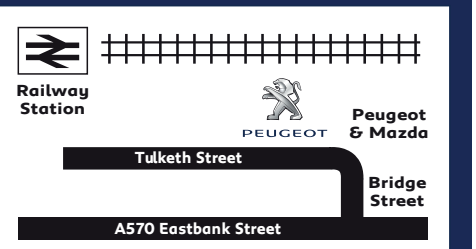

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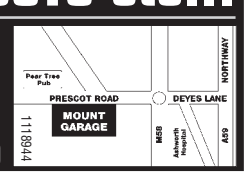

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Injury–hit United face two long away trips

SKELMERSDALE United are facing what Tommy Lawson says is the worst injury situation he has ever faced, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Last Saturday at Grantham he only had eleven available players aged over eighteen.

Midfielder Alan Burton is out with a broken hand, striker George Donnelly is out with a hip injury, Tom Ince has been out with a calf injury, Jack Phillips is out with a groin injury, Paul Woolcott is missing because of a work commitment and forward Isaac Kusaloka is getting married and will be away on honeymoon.

Added to this Rob McIntosh was absent last Saturday because of a one game suspension.

To make matters worse a busy week beckons for United, one in which they will spend around eleven hours on coaches, a lot of it on the M6, which is not the ideal preparation for an important FA Trophy tie at home to Hyde United a week on Saturday,

On Saturday the team will travel past Birmingham to Halesowen Town for what will be a difficult away game. Last year just before Christmas Skelmersdale lost 2–0, but more damagingly they had two players sent off in a game that was played in an atmosphere that definitely didn't reflect the spirit of that time of year.

They will however, be buoyed with a certain confidence as Halesowen have already been beaten by Skelmersdale, 1–0 back in August at Stormy Corner, in what was a rather temperamental encounter.

Tuesday brings another long trip, this time north up the M6 to Cumbria and Workington's Borough Park. Again the former Football League club are a team that Skelmersdale have beaten this season, this time 2–0 thanks to goals from Tony Rendell and Dan Mitchley.

The Reds sit just outside the league play–off places so will pose tough opposition, especially if the weather is the typical stuff you get up on the north west coast.

Lawson happy with a point

Grantham Town 2
Skelmersdale United 2

MANAGER Tommy Lawson was happy to get a point on Saturday given his team were so depleted with injuries, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

He said: "We had just eleven fit men, and we faced very physical opposition, so I am happy with the result."

He added that Skem had only three substitutes on the day and as all were under 18 years old, he refused to put them on, saying it would be unfair due to the "physicality of the opposition."

On a windy afternoon, Grantham exerted early pressure, forcing Martin Fearon to make a good save with his foot from Lee Shaw, and then palm away a Rhys Lewis effort for a corner.

From the corner, however, Greg Smith put in a header that was only half cleared, allowing Smith room to force the loose ball into the net.

Skelmersdale reacted well and in the 28th minute Ged Kinsella held up the ball on the edge of the Grantham area and set up Louis Corrigan, but home goalkeeper Jake Turner saved his shot.

Six minutes later Corrigan crossed and Kinsella at the near–post went close to equalising.

In the latter stages of the half Grantham asserted again with Shaw hitting the woodwork.

Grantham had done well against the wind in the first–half, Skem were to do better against it in the second–half.

And after 53 minutes it was level again. A Kenny Strickland free–kick was headed on by Tony Rendell and Kinsella at the far post provided a finely weighted angled chip over Turner into the net.

Two minutes later home keeper Turner pulled off a great save from a Chris Almond shot from around 15 yards out that looked a sure fire goal.

Grantham were then awarded a penalty when Mike Hollingsworth was adjudged to have handled the ball, and Lee Beeson put the spot kick away.

Things were level again on 83 minutes when Almond went down under a clumsy challenge and a penalty was given which was emphatically put away by Strickland.

Ales, ciders and lagers galore at beer festival

THE 'Skelmersd–ale Oktoberfest' will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, with a whole multitude of Bavarian lagers, pilsners and fruit be available.

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Linnets climb up to tenth after home win

Burscough 2
New Mills 0

BURSCOUGH scored two second half goals to take all three points in last weekend's league match at home to New Mills.

The result means the Linnets climb up the table to tenth place and have now recorded three league wins on the bounce much to the delight of manager Mark Beesley.

The opening 45 minutes were goal–less but Burscough made the breakthrough in the 57th minute through Will Jones before Michael Monaghan then doubled the lead in the 74th minute.

Burscough were due to travel to table–toppers Warrington Town last night (Tuesday, October 20) in the league when the Linnets' unbeaten run will have been tested.

They host Ossett Albion on Saturday, October 24 with a 3pm kick off.

Richmond win keeps them in top spot

Burscough Richmond 3 Mill Hill St Peter's 1

RICHMOND made heavy weather of this fixture against a Blackburn side who are always very difficult to breakdown but three very well taken goals by the Burscough side won the match to maintain their top spot in this West Lancashire Division One fixture.

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